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# Lead Update

## On The Road To Healthy Housing: Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program 2006 Annual Meeting and Awards

The Rhode Island Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (RI CLPPP) is pleased to announce that it is hosting the 2006 annual meeting and awards ceremony at the Rose Island Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency, Newport, Rhode Island on April 4th. Speakers for the event include:

- Jim Reed, Executive Director, Newport Housing Authority, will author opening remarks
- Dr. David R. Gifford, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health and Noreen Shawcross, Executive Director, Housing Resources Commission (HRC), will discuss Rhode Island's efforts on the Road to Healthy Housing.
- Robert O. Zdenek, new Executive Director of the Alliance for Healthy Homes will deliver the keynote address, entitled "Building a National Healthy Homes Movement: Challenges and Opportunities".

The RI CLPPP continues to work towards eliminating lead poisoning by 2010. Recognizing that elimination can only be achieved by preventing lead exposure, which often occurs in the home, RI CLPPP and the HRC entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to jointly advance the healthy housing agenda. Both agencies are working together to put Rhode Island "on the road to healthy housing," the theme of this year's meeting.

As in the past, RI CLPPP takes this opportunity to formally recognize the efforts of a number of partners and entities invested in the prevention and elimination of childhood lead poisoning in Rhode Island. Recipients of awards and certificates of appreciation are detailed on the reverse side.

#### **PRODUCT WATCH**

The following products may contain a dangerous amount of lead:

- Reebok Heart-Shaped Charm Bracelets Voluntary Recall by Reebok and the Consumer Product Safety Commission of 300,000 bracelets on 3/23/06. For a photo of the bracelet, visit <a href="http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06119.html">http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06119.html</a>
  - Incidents/Injuries: Death of a 4-year-old child from Minneapolis, Minn. caused by lead poisoning after ingesting a piece of the bracelet.
  - Store(s) where sold: Major shoe stores nationwide from May 2004 through March 2006.
  - The charm bracelets are located inside certain shoeboxes with a retail price between \$33 and \$50.
  - Consumers should immediately take away from children and dispose of the entire bracelet.

## **Awards Recipients**

#### Founder's Award

"In recognition of pioneering efforts to create a healthy environment in Rhode Island"

- Patricia Nolan, MD, MPH, former Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health
- Jeffrey Pine, former Rhode Island Attorney General
- Sheldon Whitehouse, former Rhode Island Attorney General
- Linn Freedman, former Rhode Island Assistant Attorney General

#### **Public Health Promotion Award**

"In recognition of 14 years of extraordinary efforts to promote and advocate for the health of Rhode Island's children."

Childhood Lead Action Project

## Award for Public Health Leadership

"In recognition of diligent efforts to use policy to promote public health in Rhode Island."

 Marie L. Ganim, Senate Policy Director for Health and Human Services

#### <u>Professional Education and Public</u> Awareness Award

"In recognition of outstanding efforts to educate medical professionals, and the public, about children's environmental health issues."

Rhode Island College School of Nursing

#### Award for Public Health Partnership

"In recognition of the dedication and exceptional efforts put forth in Rhode Island's lawsuit for a healthy environment."

- Motley Rice LLC
- Thornton & Naumes LLP

### <u>Award for Meritorious Service for the</u> Citizens of Rhode Island

"In recognition of the perseverance to continue Rhode Island's legal fight for a healthy environment"

 Patrick C. Lynch, Rhode Island Attorney General

# Recipients of Certificates of Appreciation

# "In Recognition of Outstanding Efforts in Lead Screening Quality Assurance"

- Bald Hill Pediatrics
- Broadway Medical Treatment Center
- Children's Healthcare
- Stuart Demirs, M.D.
- Family Doctors of East Providence
- Sharon Gunasti, M.D.
- Kids Health Team- Hasbro
- Kingstown Pediatrics
- Narragansett Indian Health Center
- Northwest Health Center
- Providence Community Health Center- Allen Berry
- Providence Community Health Center- Capitol Hill
- Providence Community Health Center- Central
- Providence Community Health Center- Fox Point
- Providence Community Health Center- Olneyville
- Dante Ramos M.D.
- Wakefield Pediatrics
- Westerly Pediatrics
- Wood River Health Services

The 15 pediatric practices listed above have used KIDSNET to monitor the lead screening status of their patients at least once during 2005.

#### "In Recognition of the Dedication and Exceptional Efforts Put Forth in Rhode Island's Legal Fight for a Lead Free Environment"

- John J. McConnell, Jr., Esq.
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- Michael G. Rousseau, Esq.
- Fidelma L. Fitzpatrick, Esq.
- Aileen L. Sprague, Esq.
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- Neil F.X. Kelly, Esq.
- · Genevieve Allaire-Johnson, Esq.
- Parisa Beers, Esq.

#### "In Recognition of outstanding efforts to educate our state's nurses in order to prevent children's environment health issues"

- Christopher Dillon, former Code Enforcement Inspector, City of Providence
- Preserve RI
- June Tourangeau, St. Joseph's Lead Center

# "In recognition of diligent efforts to use policy to promote public health in Rhode Island."

- Rhoda E. Perry, Chair, Health and Human Services Committee
- M. Teresa Paiva-Weed, Senate Majority Leader